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Director of Training

16 October 1953

THRU: Deputy Director of Training (Special)
Chief, Maritime Training Branch25X1 Proposed Curricula to Replace that
Planned for [redacted]

1. This Branch is of the opinion the Office of Training should continue to offer instruction in maritime operations. It would be a mistake, which would be reflected by future developments, to now cease all instruction in maritime operations as a result of the cancellation of Project [redacted]. The Agency should continue to develop doctrine in clandestine maritime operations and it is the belief of this Branch that the Office of Training should be responsible for carrying on this development. Furthermore, as considerable thought and effort has been expended in gathering material for instructional purposes at [redacted] it would be a grave error not to retain and use the accumulated knowledge.

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2. The Maritime Training Branch submits a draft course of proposed instruction (see attachments) which could be offered [redacted]

[redacted] Classroom work in various elements needed for planning maritime operations could be taught at Washington (Phase I) while as much demonstration and problem work as proves possible could be given [redacted] (Phase II). A survey [redacted] will have to be undertaken in order to accurately assess all possibilities at that site. As now planned, the course would total four weeks, two weeks being in Washington and two at [redacted]. Field instruction in underwater swimming and maritime sabotage would not be attempted.

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3. An extensive staff is not deemed necessary. It is believed that this instruction could be handled by:

25X1 Chief, Maritime Training Branch

Mr. [redacted] (presently on MTB headquarters T/O)

Mr. [redacted] (presently on [redacted] T/O)

One additional instructor (civilian)

25X1 Miss [redacted] (presently on MTB headquarters T/O)

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25X1 Mr. [redacted] would be stationed at [redacted] where he would assist in instructing the Escape and Evasion and the Resistance Operations Courses in maritime support problems, and also the maritime operational field problems to be presented by this Branch (Phase II of attachment).

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These men would be stationed at [redacted] and would be used for maintenance and instruction in the handling of small craft.

5. C/MTB would appreciate being informed by O/TR and DD/TR(s) of their wishes in this matter.



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OFR/TR(s)/MTB/WTI:jls (16 October 1953)

Attachments: Maritime Operations Course, Phases I and II.

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